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"BYVShIJ", KUZNETSOVA, REPINA, SMIRNOVA
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To: CANBERRA

No.: 158

24th July 1946

To EFDI[1]

[13 groups unrecovered]

[0% recommended] the use of the ATHLETES[ii] "BYVShIJ"[iii]

[48 groups unrecoverable]

KUZNETSOVA[iv] and REPINA[v] who, according to SMIRNOVA's[vi] evidence, are
[0% leaders of an emigre] organisation in SYDNEY and do they have[s]

[35 groups unrecoverable]

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Note: [a] Or "does he/she/it have".

Comments: [i] EFIM: Semen Ivanovich MAKAROV; at the Soviet Legation/Embassy in CANBERRA from April 1943 to June 1949.

[ii] ATHLETE: Probably a coverword for a type of agent.

[iii] BYVShLI: i.e. "FORMER" or "GI-DEVANT"; unidentified cover-name. Also occurs in MOSCOW's Nos. 434 of 18th November 1945 (3/NBP/T132, Item 1) and 213 of 4th May 1946 (3/NBP/T1895) and CANBERRA's Nos. 259 of 14th November 1945 (3/NBP/T132, Item 2) and 155 of 13th July 1947 (3/NBP/T773).

[iv] KUZNETSOVA: Probably Raisaa SZAJEWSKI, née HIRSCH, a ballet teacher known professionally as Madame KUZNETSOVA; associated with the pro-Soviet Russian Social Club in SYDNEY.

[v] REPINA: Almost certainly a member of the family of Ivan Dimitri REPIN; prominent member of the pro-Soviet section of the Russian community in SYDNEY: either Alexandra REPINA (his wife), Ethel Alice REPINA (his sister-in-law) or Dr Stella REPINA HOTIMSKY (his daughter).

[vi] SMIRNOVA: Probably Elsie LEAHY, formerly (1941 to at least 1947) SMIRNOFF/SMIRNOVA, formerly SURREST; née POOLICCHI; associated with the pro-Soviet Russian Social Club in SYDNEY.